GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2841
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Shortage of Female Judges
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

a) whether there is shortage of female judges in the courts at all levels including Supreme Court in the country;
b) if so, the measures being taken by the Government to increase female participation in judicial process; and
c) the State-wise details of female judges in all the high Courts and the Supreme Court?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND
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(a) to (c): The appointment of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts are made under Articles 124 and 217 of the Constitution of India respectively which do not provide for reservation for any caste or class of persons. However, the Government has requested the Chief Justices of the High Courts that while sending proposals for appointment of Judges, due consideration inter-alia be given to suitable candidates from amongst women.

A statement showing the number of women Judges working in Supreme Court and the various High Courts as on 28.07.2017 is attached at Annexure-I.

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Sl. No. Name of the Court Women Judges
A. Supreme Court of India 01
B. High Court
1 Allahabad 6
2 Telangana & Andhra Pradesh 3
3 Bombay for the States of Maharashtra and Goa 11
4 Calcutta 4
5 Chhattisgarh -
6 Delhi 10
7 Gauhati for the States of Asssam, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram 1
8 Gujarat 4
9 Himachal Pradesh -
10 Jammu & Kashmir -
11 Jharkhand -
12 Karnataka 4
13 Kerala 4
14 Madhya Pradesh 3
15 Madras 7
16 Manipur -
17 Meghalaya -
18 Orissa 1
19 Patna 2
20 Punjab& Haryana 7
21 Rajasthan 2
22 Sikkim 1
23 Tripura -
24 Uttarakhand -
Total 69
Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2841 for answer on 02.08.2017.

The Number of women Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts/States as on 28/07/2017.